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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST LABOR INITIATIVES

REF: (A) EC BRUSSELS 11428 AND (B) EC BRUSSELS 11430

1. THE ICFTU BOARD UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED THE SECRETARIAT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT "INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNION GATHERINGS" (REFTELS). WE WILL REPORT SEPARATELY ON THIS AND OTHER DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE NOV. 24-26 BOARD MEETING.

2. ENZO FRISCO, AN ICFTU DEPARTMENT HEAD WHO INTRODUCED THE REPORT ON THE ABOVE SUBJECT, SAID THAT IN HIS PRESENTATION HE FOLLOWED EXACTLY THE NOTES THAT HE SHARED WITH US(REFTEL B), WHICH WE HAVE AIRPOUCHED TO S/IL.

3. AFTER THE BOARD MEETING BOTH FRISO AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY VANDERVEKEN VOLUNTEERED TO USEC LABOR ATTACHE THEIR PERSONAL BELIEF THAT THE BOARD'S ACTION WAS PART OF AN EFFORT AT "RAPPROCHEMENT" WITH THE AFL-CIO. FRISO SAID THAT ANOTHER STEP IN THAT DIRECTION  
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WAS A BOARD ACTION IN REGARD TO THE

ICFTU'S LATIN AMERICA REGIONAL ORGANIZATION, ORIT.  
FRISO PROMISED TO GIVE US THE DOCUMENTATION ON THIS  
NEXT WEEK.

4. NEITHER IN THESE LATEST COMMENTS NOR IN PREVIOUS  
ONES (REF B) DID VANDERVEKEN OR FRISO SAY THAY THEY  
ARE ANGLING FOR THE AFL-CIO TO RE-AFFILIATE WITH THE ICFTU.  
THEIR STRATEGY SEEMS TO AMOUNT TO THIS:  
EVEN THOUGH THE AFL-CIO IS NOT IN ICFTU RANKS, THE TWO  
GROUPS CAN MARCH TOGETHER SIDE BY SIDE MORE FREQUENTLY.

5. WE GATHER THAT VANDERVEKEN AND OTHERS HAVE BEEN  
MAKING THE SAME POINT TO IRVING BROWN.HINTON

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